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1. According to the latest rumor, approximately 1,800 former German officers, many of whom were commissioned from the ranks by the Soviets, and about 10,000 enlisted men are now serving in the Russian armed forces. A Paulus Army training battalion is reported to be stationed near G~~or~~litz. A "rather large" formation of German troops from various arms and services is said to be quartered in and around Königsberg (Kaliningrad), East Prussia. Comments: [redacted] these troops can be recognized by the black-white-red cockades in their caps.
2. It is reported that 180 officers of field grade and under, of whom about eighty were Russians, made an inspection trip to Germany under Major General von dem Hofe between October and December 1947. Some thirty of them spent most of the time in Berlin, while another fifty stayed in Dresden. The commission also visited Königsberg (Kaliningrad), G~~or~~litz, Forst [redacted], Guben [redacted], Frankfurt/Oder, the Erzgebirge, and the Harz Mountains.
3. A SED official states that there are signs in Saxony of an embryonic German-Soviet army. There is no recruiting activity on the behalf of this force, and the Russians refrain from publicly evincing interest, but SED Blockleiter are registering all inhabitants and carding them according to possible future military use. In this connection, boycotting of former "militarists" and Nazis in Saxony is ceasing, while the nationalistic element of the SED platform is being played up. The Soviet Union is featured as the promoter of German unity.

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